

REMARKS

In light of the remarks to follow, reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-56 are pending in this application.

Claims 1, 8, 16, 26, 34, and 52 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Menard et al. (US 6,810,526).

Independent claim 1 includes a step of "storing the additional information in a storage medium when the preset key information is determined to be included" and independent claim 8 includes a step of "transferring the additional information to an external device when the key information is determined to be included."

In independent claims 1 and 8, the additional information may include preset key information. When the methods of claims 1 and 8 determine that the preset key information is included in the additional information, such additional information is stored as in claim 1 or transferred as in claim 8.

In explaining the rejection, the Examiner appears to rely on col. 3, lines 26-28 and 40-47 of Menard `526 to disclose the above-recited features of independent claims 1 and 8. It is respectfully submitted that the portions of Menard `526 applied by the Examiner (hereinafter "Menard `526") do not disclose the above-recited features. That is, Menard `526 appears to merely disclose sending an alert signal when a match for a search performed by a user is found. Such "alert signal may include an IP address of a server 8 providing the multimedia version of the program of interest." Menard `526 does not appear to store additional information when preset key information is determined to be included nor does it transfer the additional information when the key information is determined to be included.

Accordingly, independent claims 1 and 8 are believed to be distinguishable from Menard `526.

For similar or somewhat similar reasons to those described above with regard to independent claims 1 and 8, independent claims 16, 26, and 34 are believed to be distinguishable from Menard `526.

Claims 40 and 46 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Menard et al. (US 6,061,056).

Independent claim 40 recites in part as follows:

"...transferring the additional information from said first information processing terminal to a second information processing terminal at a destination when the key information is determined to be included."

In explaining the rejection, the Examiner appears to rely on col. 6, lines 52-65 of Menard `056. It is respectfully submitted that the portion of Menard `056 applied by the Examiner (hereinafter "Menard `056") does not disclose the above-recited features. That is, Menard `056 appears to merely disclose comparing an embedded stream with a user profile. If there is match between the embedded stream and the user profile, an alert handling unit is activated. Menard `056 does not appear to transfer additional information "from said first information processing terminal to a second information processing terminal at a destination when the key information is determined to be included." Accordingly, independent claim 40 is believed to be distinguishable from Menard `056.

For similar or somewhat similar reasons to those described above with regard to independent claim 40, independent claim 46 is believed to be distinguishable from Menard `056.

Claims 1-56 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Benyamin et al. in view of Marko et al.

In explaining the rejection, the Examiner appears to rely on col. 13, lines 30-34 and col. 14, lines 49-51 of

Benyamin to disclose transferring the additional information to an information processing terminal when the key information is included as in claims 8, 16, 26, 40, and 46 and storing the additional information in a storage medium when the preset key information is determined to be included as in claims 1, 16, and 34. it is respectfully submitted that the portions of Benyamin applied by the Examiner (hereinafter "Benyamin") do not disclose transferring additional information or storing additional information when the key information is included n. That is, Benyamin discloses that when a track is added, the system determines whether the track's properties satisfy criteria for a playlist. If the track's properties satisfy the criteria, the track is added to the playlist. Benyamin does not appear to discloses transferring or storing additional information (track properties) when it is determined that the key information is in the additional information as in independent claims. Accordingly, independent claims 1, 8, 16, 26, 34, 40, 46, and 52 are believed to be distinguishable from the applied combination of Benyamin and Marko.

Claims 2-7, 9-15, 17-25, 27-33, 35-39, 41-45, 47-51, and 53-56 depend from one of the independent claims, and, due to such dependency, are believed to be distinguishable from the applied combination of Benyamin and Marko for at least the reasons previously described.

As it is believed that all of the rejections set forth in the Official Action have been overcome, favorable reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited. If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that he/she telephone applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which he might have.

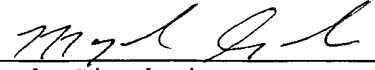
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If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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